

Virtual Worship from St. Paul's Anglican Cathedral, Kamloops BC

Sunday, January 9, 2022 – The Baptism of the Lord

Our service today originates from the traditional territory of the Tk'emlúps te Secwepemc – Kamloops & Area First Nation. We acknowledge their care for and working of the land prior to contact with Europeans. As Canadian Anglicans, we continue to work toward healing and reconciliation and a new experience of sharing the land together.

Flowers on the altar today are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of George Wilmot from his wife Linda Jackson. May he rest in peace with all the saints in God's heavenly kingdom.

Piano Prelude:

What Child is This? arr. by Shirley Ingersolt -(c) 2001, Shawnee Press

O Little Town of Bethlehem arr. by Lloyd Larson -(c) 1998, Lorenz

“What does the Lord require of you but to pursue justice, to love kindness and to walk humbly with your God?” (Micah 6:8)

In Desmond Mpilo Tutu this threefold cord was interwoven in a long, lived authenticity. That is why we loved him and respected him and valued him so deeply. Small in physical stature, he was a giant among us morally and spiritually. His faith was authentic, not counterfeit or half-hearted. He lived it, even at great cost to himself, with an inclusive, all-embracing love. His friend, Nelson Mandela, put it perfectly when he said: “Sometimes strident, often tender, never afraid and seldom without humour, Desmond Tutu’s voice will always be the voice of the voiceless.”

Desmond’s response to grave injustice came from the depths of his being and often in response to what he called ‘the divine nudge’.

His was not a harsh, ideological quest for justice. Always it was grounded in mercy, in ‘hesed’ (to use the Hebrew word), in an enduring loving-kindness: the gentle touch, the forgiving heart, the warm smile – ah yes, the warm smile.

Walk humbly with your God

Here is the mystery of the interior pilgrimage of the soul. There were three Ps about our Archbishop; he was the prophet, the pastor and the pray-er. What many perhaps did not realise was that the prayer undergirded, guided and prompted all the rest. A daily Eucharist was his custom, regardless of the circumstances.

So I give you, in memory of this holy and very human man, this humane leader, a threefold cord which we too can try to emulate: pursue justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with your God.

The Rt Revd Michael Nuttall, at Archbishop Emeritus Desmond Tutu's funeral, 1 January 2022, St George's Cathedral, Cape Town

WELCOME

Melissa Green

HYMN Spinning Blue Planet

Gordon Light

1. This is the moment, Creation's first glance,
Light plays with darkness and chaos with dance,
Spirit with matter forms heaven, forms earth,
Creation continues - God's breath gives dust birth.

Chorus:

On a spinning blue planet, third place from the sun,
Here words are spoken, here words are done.
Alive in the struggles, the laughter, the peace,
The Creator is singing and never will cease.

2. This is the calling - Creation's first fire -
To journey in search of God's deepest desire;
Smashing the idols of privilege and wrong,
In exodus freedom our spirits belong.

3. This earthbound journey - Creation's first song -
From Genesis gardens to sad Babylons;
Lost in the rhythms of power, of pride,
Seeking the music only mercy provides.

4. This is the mystery - how life becomes whole -
Bread-broken body - wine poured out soul;
Come, seed your lives, grow like grapes, grow like grain,
The Vine will connect you, love's rising again.

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GATHERING

Barb Liotskos

In the beginning,
God created the heavens and the earth.
The Spirit of God
swept over the face of the waters;
then God said: Let there be light,
and God saw that it was good.

At the beginning of his ministry,
Jesus was baptized by John.

The heavens opened,
and the Spirit descended like a dove;
then God said: This is my beloved Son,
in whom I am well pleased.

Send down your Holy Spirit, O God
tear open the veil of heaven
and speak to us as beloved children
so that we may hear and believe
the good news of your Word made flesh,
Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

PHOS HILARON O Laughing Light

O laughing Light, O Firstborn of creation,
Radiance of glory, light from light begotten,
God self-revealing, holy bright and blessed:
You shine upon us.

Day's light is fragile; your light is eternal.
We look to you, our light within the shadow.
We sing to you, Creator, Christ and Spirit;
You shine before us.

Light of the world, O Jesus, you are worthy!
Giver of life and Child of God, we praise you!
Hear as the universe proclaims your glory!
You shine among us.

Text: *Phos Hilaron Para.* Sylvia G. Dunstan -(c) 1991, GIA Pub.Inc. Music: John R. Van Maanen ©

COLLECT

Creator God,
who at the baptism of Jesus
revealed him to be your Son,
anointing him with the Holy Spirit;
keep your children, born of water and the Spirit,
faithful to their calling;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

But now thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Saviour. I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you. Because you are precious in my sight, and honoured, and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life. Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you; I will say to the north, "Give them up," and to the south, "Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth - everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made."

ISAIAH 43:1-7

Hear what the Spirit says to all people

Thanks be to God

PSALM 29

Ascribe to the Lord, you gods,

ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name;

worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.

The voice of the Lord is upon the waters;

the God of glory thunders;

the Lord is upon the mighty waters.

The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice;

the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendour.

The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees;

the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

He makes Lebanon skip like a calf,

and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.

The voice of the Lord splits the flames of fire;

the voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness;

the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe and strips the forests bare.

And in the temple of the Lord all are crying, "Glory!"

The Lord sits enthroned above the flood;

the Lord sits enthroned as king for evermore.

The Lord shall give strength to his people;

the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF ACTS

DJ Clarke

Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.
ACTS 8:14-17

Hear what the Spirit says to all people **Thanks be to God**

HYMN All Who Thirst for Living Water

All who thirst for living water, all who hunger for good bread:
there's a table in the desert - come and share the feast that's spread.
Celebrating earth's abundance, gathering hope for days to come,
with all those who've gone before us, we give thanks, O Holy One.

Everlasting is the covenant which the Holy One designs:
steadfast love, a gushing river, seeds with grace the healing vines.
Seeking life in all its fullness for all creatures, none denied,
set our hearts to meet each other, bridging all that sin divides.

Many are the ways you've chosen to reveal the path of life:
Wisdom's truth for all who seek you, cross our compass, faith our guide;
You, the strength in all our wandering, spring that wells up deep within,
Friend who bears both pain and glory, in your light new life begins.

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THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO LUKE

Glory to You Lord Jesus Christ

Louise Peters

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire." Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice

came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

LUKE 3:15-17, 21-22

The Gospel of Christ **Praise to You Lord Jesus Christ**

SERMON

Louise Peters

HYMN River running in you and me

Gordon Light

1. River running in you and me,
Spirit of life - deep mystery,
Dancing down to the holy sea,
River run deep, river run free.
2. River laughed on my birthing day,
Wind and water joined in play -
Soaked my soul in a shining spray,
River run deep, river run free.
3. River - cry my name to me,
Lend me hope and memory,
Sing me the story of the holy sea,
River run deep, river run free.
4. I stand on the edge, looking down,
Too scared to swim, afraid I'll drown -
Give me the courage to journey on,
River run deep, river run free.
5. Journey on far from my home,
River - break this heart of stone;
Teach me to love, make me your own,
River run deep, river run free.
6. Hold me close on the day I die,
Bear me up when my soul is tired,
Carry me home on the rising tide,
River run deep, river run free.

7. River singing in you and me,
Spirit of life - deep mystery -
Catch us up in your melody
River run deep, river run free.

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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

DJ Clarke

Let us pray to the Lord, saying,
Give strength, O Lord, **and bless us with peace.**
All-glorious God,
maker of heaven and earth,
hear us as we pray:
Give strength, O Lord,
and bless us with peace.

We pray for the world you have made. . . .
Move again over these troubled waters,
steeped in chemicals and stained with blood.
Where carelessness and violence bring chaos
restore order, goodness, and life.
Give strength, O Lord,
and bless us with peace.

We pray for the church you have redeemed. . . .
Renew in us the gifts of your Spirit
and the call to Christian discipleship.
Where history and heresy have divided us,
make us one in the baptism we share.
Give strength, O Lord,
and bless us with peace.

We pray for the peoples you have created. . . .
Give to the leaders of all nations
the wisdom to know what is good.
Where people are poor and hungry
provide justice and daily bread.
Give strength, O Lord,
and bless us with peace.

We pray for the loved ones you have given us. . . .

Bless our families, friends, and neighbors;
keep them safe from trouble and danger.
Where there is sorrow, sickness, or suffering
send your Spirit of comfort and healing.
Give strength, O Lord,
and bless us with peace.

All this we pray in the name of the Lord Jesus,
whose voice is our strength and salvation,
whose breath is the Spirit of peace. **Amen.**

Solo: Beloved

Gordon Light

Your word, upon deep waters, sounds the wonder of our name: Beloved;
Out of chaos you bring order, by your grace we're called and claimed: beloved.
Your breath gives life and raises us from dust,
In your love we know this name is never lost,
In this gracious truth we trust, we know it is enough to be beloved.

When we are most alone, you meet our longing to be found: we are beloved;
When we are most at peace, in this name we know we're blessed: beloved.
At table you create for us a home,
A family in which we're fully known,
Forever making us your own, your daughters and your sons: beloved.

In the calling of our names, we are sent to give ourselves as your beloved;
With a love that makes us friends, we are called to share this wealth: all are beloved.
Not ours alone, this gift that heals and mends,
This word restoring life to earth's far ends,
That all will share the dream and come to know their name: beloved.

In this name let us rejoice - every creature, find your voice: cry out beloved;
Make known both near and far, in every clod of dirt and star: all are beloved.
Beloved Maker, Holy One who names all things,
Beloved Christ, Source from whom all mercy springs,
Spirit, welling up within, ever give us strength to sing: beloved.

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SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

Barb Liotskos

St. Teresa of Avila wrote: "When you do not receive communion and you do not attend Mass, you can make a spiritual communion, which is a most beneficial practice; by it, the love of God will be greatly impressed on you."

Spiritual communion is defined by St. Thomas Aquinas as "an ardent desire to receive Jesus in the Most Holy Sacrament and in loving embracing him as if we had actually received him."

This ancient tradition of spiritual communion is available to all of us when we are not able to receive the bread and wine. After the prayer asking Jesus to come to us spiritually please sit quietly while music is played

Agnus Dei

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: **Have mercy upon us.**

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: **Have mercy upon us.**

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: **Grant us your peace.**

The Communion Prayer

Let us pray.

**My dear Jesus, in these times,
I cannot receive you sacramentally as I wish.
Come into my soul now, as you came into your world.
Bring healing and peace. Give comfort and joy.
Restore your Church in Love. Strengthen us for service
that when our wanderings end,
we may in courage and confidence
bring your love to the world. Amen.**

Silent prayer

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*Sung*)

Gordon Light

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.**

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CLOSING PRAYERS

Barb Liotscos

Gracious God
we thank you for feeding us in this spiritual way
with Jesus Christ.
**May we who follow Christ,
bring life to others;
we, who the spirit lights,
give light to the world.
Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us;
so that we and all your children shall be free,
and the whole earth live to praise your name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Glory to God,
**whose power working in us
can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine.
Glory to God from generation to generation,
in the church and in Christ Jesus
for ever and ever. Amen**

BLESSING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Melissa Green

Closing Hymn: In Newness of life

Gordon Light

Welcomed in and outward bound,
We seek a world where all belong,
Each broken spirit renewed, restored,
A world we find through open doors.
And so we look to follow Christ
Walking by grace in newness of life.

We dare to question and to learn;
Drawn to a truth that can transform
the way we act, the way we dream,
A wisdom born of open minds.
And so we look to follow Christ
Walking by grace in newness of life.

With open hearts, we long to live
in freedom to receive and give;
Unsheltered hearts, and large enough
to bear all wounds in faith and love.
And so we look to follow Christ,
Walking by grace in newness of life.

We pray our hands are strong and firm,
Not closed to strike, or hurt or harm,
Open to heal, swift to embrace,
Hands that reveal compassion's face.
And so we look to follow Christ
Walking by grace in newness of life.

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WORSHIP MINISTERS at 10 a.m. service

Worship Leaders: Barb Liotskos, Louise Peters; Piano: Pat Rustand; Music Director: Gail Ovington; Hymn Leader: Gordon Light; Altar Guild: Mercedes Liburd, Suzy Knox, Joan Lukow; Lock Up: Barb Liotskos; Prayers of the People: D J Clarke ; Readers: Margaret Mitchell, DJ Clarke; Tech: Dylan, Pat, Melissa

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